upon a number of factors like type of plant, capacity, type of fuel and its cost, year of commissioning, location etc.

(c) The tariff bid of NTPC was neither the highest nor the lowest among the bids received.

(d) The tariff bid submitted by NTPC Ltd. in respect of the Sasan project was based on various assumptions relating to cost inputs, performance inputs, applicable taxes & duties etc., inputs from consultations and assessment of risk associated with the development and operation of such a large sized integrated power plant and the coal mine. Moreover, price bids submitted by companies are commercial decisions which are in the nature of business confidential information of any company or commercial undertaking.

Pending cases in courts

†*112. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of cases are pending for long in district courts, High Courts and the Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the time limit for disposal of cases in the Supreme Court, High Courts, district courts and subordinate courts;

(c) whether Government would consider disposing off single point cases pending for long on single point basis; and

(d) if so, what provisions would be made therefor in the enactments?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) A number of cases are pending in the various courts of the country, some of them for a period of more than a year.

(b) to (d) The time taken for disposing of a case in the court and the manner of its disposal is within the exclusive domain of the judiciary. With a view to ensuring expeditious disposal of civil cases, the Civil Procedure Code has been amended and the amendments have been brought into to force with effect from 1.7.2002 which, *inter-alia*, limit the number of adjournments which can be granted to a party to three, provide for speedy process service by speed post, courier services, fax or e-mail and authorize the court to fix time limit for oral arguments, etc. Further, with a view to ensuring speedy disposal of criminal cases, Government has made appropriate changes in the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2005, *inter-alia*, introducing the concept of 'Plea Bargaining'.

Women education centres in the North Eastern Region

*113. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of women education centres set up by the Central Government for illiterate women, in the North Eastern Region (NER), particularly in Sikkim, during the last three years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the number of women benefited therefrom during that period, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the details of amount allocated and spent by each centre in NER, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) No women education centres have been set up by the Central Government in the North Eastern Region including Sikkim. Under the National Literacy Mission functional literacy is being imparted to adult illiterates, both men and women, in the 15-35 age-group. Projects for implementing basic literacy to adult illiterates through the Total Literacy Campaign (TLC), projects for reinforcement of the literacy skills of the neo literates so that they are able to reach the stage of self reliant learning through the Post Literacy Programme(PLP) and projects for providing facilities for life long learning to the community through the Continuing Education Programme(CEP) have been sanctioned. The drop outs and left out learners of the basic literacy phase are covered under Projects for Residual Illiteracy (PRI).

A Statement showing State-wise projects sanctioned so far in the North Eastern States including Sikkim is enclosed Statement-I (*See* below). The Statement showing the amount of grant released State-wise under each of the programme is enclosed as Statement-II.

Statement-I

State-wise details of projects sanctioned

Sl. No	State	Number of districts covered under			
		TLC	PLP	CEP	PRI
1	Arunachal Pradesh	15	10	–	–
2	Assam	14	08	–	–
3	Manipur	09	08	–	–
4	Meghalaya	07	04	–	–
5	Mizoram	–	–	08	04
6	Nagaland	08	–	–	–
7	Sikkim	04	–	–	–
8	Tripura	–	–	04	03

TLC : Total Literacy Campaign

PLP : Post Literacy Programme

CEP : Continuing Education Programme

PRI : Project for Residual Illiteracy

Statement-II

Details of grants released State-wise for literacy programmes

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State	Programme	Grants released by National Literacy Mission (NLM)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	TLC	334.12
		PLP	80.14
2	Assam	TLC	1833.16
		PLP	291.37
3	Manipur	TLC	307.50
		PLP	141.50
4	Meghalaya	TLC	195.32
		PLP	227.99
5	Mizoram	CEP	436.26
		PRI	14.00
6	Nagaland	TLC	286.60
7	Sikkim	TLC	73.20
8	Tripura	CEP	882.48
		PRI	30.47

TLC : Total Literacy Campaign
PLP : Post Literacy Programme
CEP : Continuing Education Programme
PRI : Project for Residual Illiteracy

UNESCO's references on education in India

*114. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ascertained the references about education in the country in a recent publication by the International Institute of Educational Planning, an associate body of UNESCO;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government agree with such references;